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Clerical Staff .. . . . Miss A. I. Danks.



TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE RUGELEY  
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health of the people of the District, and the work of the Health Department for the year 1961.

1961 was census year. The population of the Urban District was found to be 13,000, which was 870 more than the estimated population for the preceding year. (estimated 1960 - 12,130)

There were 314 live births and 113 deaths giving a natural increase of 201. When this figure is compared with the natural increase in 1951, (which was 32), it will be seen at once that Rugeley is a vigorously expanding community. Not only is the natural increase high, but the population has been increased still further during the year by 669 incoming persons.

The live birth rate was 25.15, the highest figure for the last decade, and well above the National average rate of 17.4 per thousand. The still birth rate was 21.4, and can be regarded as satisfactory. It is low for an industrial community, and is indeed the same as the National average. A Nation wide enquiry into the causes of still births was begun in 1961. It is to be hoped that the enquiry will throw light on a difficult subject.

Nine infants died during the year, giving an infant mortality rate of 27.52 per thousand live births. (National figure 21.4). It is much the same as last year's figure, and represents a considerable improvement on the average over the last ten years. More than half the deaths were due to prematurity. All these (5) premature infants died in the first week. Indeed some survived only a few hours. Consideration of the birth weights shows that some of these were very premature. Other causes of infant deaths were far less common. One was from congenital deformity, one from renal failure, one from atelectasis, and one from inter cranial haemorrhage.

There were no maternal deaths for the sixth year in succession.

There were 113 deaths in Rugeley in 1961, giving an actual death rate of 8.69, which, when multiplied by the comparability factor of 1.43, gives a comparative death rate of 12.42. (National rate - 12.0.)

Diseases of the heart and vessels accounted for 45.13% (51 cases) of the deaths. Nearly all were subjects of advanced age. Cancer deaths were 22.92% (26 cases) of the total. Next in order of frequency were bronchitis, 3.53% (4 cases), congenital malformations, 3.53% (4 cases), and pneumonia and accidents, both 1.77% (2 cases)

It will be seen that this is the usual distribution.





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1961 was an epidemic year for measles. 202 cases occurred - the highest figure ever recorded in the District. It is to be hoped that the new measles vaccine can be developed to a point at which it could offer a useful contribution to the control of this widespread and distressing disease.

Fifteen cases of whooping cough occurred, mostly in the spring and summer months. None of the children notified as suffering from whooping cough had been immunised against the disease.

No cases of Diphtheria occurred in 1961. 535 children were immunised (388 in 1960).

This improvement is the more remarkable in view of the pre occupation of the Public with poliomyelitis immunisation. A special poliomyelitis immunisation campaign was held in the district, when about one quarter of the total population was immunised against the disease, mostly, of course, young people. One case of poliomyelitis occurred.

There were no notifications of scarlet fever or dysentery in 1961.

One new case of tuberculosis (non pulmonary) was notified during the year. There were five transfers in and no transfers out. The number of cases on our Tuberculosis register was consequently increased from 60 to 66.

Analysis of water samples taken from various points in the district yielded entirely satisfactory results.

During the year 197 dwelling houses were erected.

It is a pleasure to record, once more, my appreciation of a helpful staff. Our thanks are due to the Chairman and Members of our Committee for their continuing interest.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

R. Webster,

Medical Officer of Health.

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Council House,  
Anson Street,  
Rugeley.  
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SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area of District .. .. .	2882 acres
Registrar General's estimate of resident population	13,000
Rateable Value .. .. .	£143,789
Sum represented by a penny rate .. .. .	£507. 13s. 9d.
Number of houses inhabited at the end of 1960 ..	3,976

LIVE BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	167	147	314
Illegitimate	7	6	13
Total	174	153	327

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population .. .. .	25.15
Illegitimate Live Birth Rate per cent of total live births ..	3.97

Area Comparability Factor:-

The Area Comparability Factor provided by the Register General is 0.89. This Factor X Crude Live Birth Rate gives a standard Birth Rate for the District of .. .. . 22.38

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 for England and Wales ..	17.4
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LIVE BIRTHS

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Legitimate	123	140	201	246	274	262	265	249	258	314
Illegitimate	-	3	3	15	9	14	4	10	7	13
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident pop.	14.6	16.85	19.91	23.47	25.11	24.19	22.97	21.84	21.27	25.15



STILL BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	4	3	7
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total	4	3	7

Still Birth Rate 1,000 live and still births .. .. 21.40

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births  
(England and Wales.. .. . 18.7

STILL BIRTHS

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Legitimate	5	4	3	9	9	10	7	8	5	7
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live & still births	39.62	27.21	14.47	33.3	31.8	34.96	25.36	29.96	18.87	21.40

DEATHS

Nett deaths allocated to the District after allowing for inward and outward transfers:-

Male	Female	Total
65	48	113

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population .. .. 8.69

The Area Comparability Factor provided by the Registrar General is in this case .. .. 1.43

This Factor X Crude Death Rate gives a standard Death Rate of .. .. 12.42

Death Rate for England and Wales .. .. 12.0

MATERNAL MORTALITY

	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 live and still births Rugeley	Eng. and Wales
Maternal causes (Excluding abortion)	-	0.00	0.27
Others due to abortion	-	0.00	0.07
	-	0.00	0.34





# INFANT MORTALITY

	Actual Deaths	Rugeley Rate	Eng. & Wales Rate
Deaths under on year of age:-			
All infants per 1,000 live births	9	27.52	21.4
Legitimate infants per 1,000 Legitimate live births .. ..	9	28.66	
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births .. ..	-	-	
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) .. .. .	9	27.52	15.5
Early neo-natal mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) .. .. .	8	24.46	
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births) .. .. .	15	44.91	

Cause of Death	Under 1 week	1 - 2 weeks	3rd week	4th week	Total 1 - 4 weeks Neo-natal Mortality	4 weeks - 3 months	3 months - 6 months	6 months - 9 months	9 months - 12 months	Total deaths Under 1 year of age
Prematurity	5	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	5
Birth Injury	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Atelectosis	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Respiratory Failure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hydrocephalus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningomyelocele	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congenital Abnormality	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Inter Cranial Haemorrhage	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Gastro-Enteritis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Broncho-pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kidney Disease	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Total	8	1	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	9





The estimated population, birth rate, infant mortality rate (I.M.R.) and Maternal Mortality Rate (M.M.R.) for the past ten years were as follows:--

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Population	8,422	8,487	10,240	11,120	11,270	11,410	11,710	11,860	12,130	13,000
Birth Rate	14.6	16.85	19.91	23.47	25.11	24.19	22.97	21.84	21.27	25.15
I.M. Rate	39.06	27.97	63.72	30.65	49.43	43.47	40.09	23.17	27.13	27.52
M.M. Rate	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Death Rate	9.97	8.84	9.96	8.54	9.49	9.55	9.48	8.77	7.74	8.69

#### Chief Causes of Death in Order of Importance

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total	% of Total Deaths in 1960	% of Total Deaths in 1961
Heart Disease ..	20	15	35	26.59	30.97
Cancer .. ..	17	9	26	18.85	22.92
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	7	9	16	15.95	14.15
Bronchitis ..	3	1	4	4.25	3.53
Congenital Malformations ..	3	1	4	3.19	3.53
Accidents.. ..	1	1	2	7.44	1.77
Pneumonia ..	1	1	2	3.19	1.77



# CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1961

							Male	Female
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory..	..	..	..				-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other ..	..	..	..	..	..		-	-
3. Syphilitic disease ..	..	..	..	..	..		-	-
4. Diphtheria ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
5. Whooping Cough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections ..	..	..	..	..	..		-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis ..	..	..	..	..	..		-	-
8. Measles ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases ..							-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach ..	..	..	..				3	2
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung and bronchus ..							2	1
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast ..	..	..	..				-	3
13. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ..							12	2
14. Malignant neoplasm, uterus ..	..	..	..				-	1
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ..	..	..	..	..	..		-	-
16. Diabetes ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system ..	..	..					7	9
18. Coronary Disease, angina ..	..	..	..				14	5
19. Hypertension with heart disease ..	..	..					-	2
20. Other heart disease ..	..	..	..	..	..		4	4
21. Other circulatory disease..	..	..	..				2	4
22. Influenza ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
23. Pneumonia ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
24. Bronchitis ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1
25. Other diseases of respiratory system ..							-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ..	..	..	..				-	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ..	..	..					-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis ..	..	..	..	..			1	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate ..	..	..	..	..			1	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ..	..	..					-	-
31. Congenital malformations ..	..	..	..	..			3	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..							11	9
33. Motor Vehicle accidents ..	..	..	..	..			1	-
34. All other accidents ..	..	..	..	..			-	1
35. Suicide ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	2
36. Homicide and operations of war ..	..	..					-	-
							65	48





# NATURAL INCREASE - EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Births	123	143	204	261	283	276	269	259	258	314
Deaths	84	75	102	95	107	109	111	104	94	113
Natural Increase	39	68	102	166	176	167	158	155	164	201
Estimated Pop.	8,422	8,487	10,240	11,120	11,270	11,410	11,710	11,860	12,130	13,000

## SECTION B

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

### Incidence of Infectious Diseases (Corrected notifications)

	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Scarlet Fever	9	3	-	3	5	5	-
Measles	135	-	90	136	11	-	202
Whooping Cough	2	57	1	2	10	4	15
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis							
Paralytic	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Non-Paralytic	2	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
Acute Polio Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	2	8	16	58	-	5	-
Enteric Fevers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	5	-	-	1	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gastro Enteritis	5	-	3	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-





# ANALYSIS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE BY AGE GROUPS

	Measles	Whooping Cough		Polio N.P.	T.B. Adenitis
Under 1 year	2	2	Under 5 years	1	-
1 - 2	38	4	5- 14	-	-
3 - 4	53	5	15 - 44	-	-
5 - 9	103	4	45 - 64	-	1
10 - 14	4	-	65 & over	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	Age unknown	-	-
25 & over	1	-			
Age unknown	1	-			

## TUBERCULOSIS

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
NEW CASES										
Pulmonary	1	5	8	11	8	5	6	6	-	-
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	2	3	2	1	1	-	-	1
Total	1	5	10	14	10	6	7	6	-	1
DEATHS										
Pulmonary	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	1	2	-	1	1	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER. The number of Tuberculosis cases on the Register on 31st December, 1961 was .. .. . 66

The Distribution was as follows:-

	Pear-tree Ward	Hagley Ward	Ravenhill Ward	Brereton Ward	Wolseley Road Ward
Pulmonary .. ..	18	11	4	19	3
Non-Pulmonary ..	2	2	2	3	2
Total	20	13	6	22	5



Additions to Register							PULMONARY
No. of New Notifications	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
No. of Transfers IN	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
No. Restored to Register	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	5

Deletions from Register							PULMONARY
No. Died	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
No. Recovered	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
No. of Transfers OUT	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	0

Additions to Register							NON-PULMONARY
No. of New Notifications	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
No. of Transfers IN	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
No. Restored to Register	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

Deletions from Register							NON-PULMONARY
No. Died	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
No. Recovered	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
No. of Transfers OUT	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	0

CANCERS

There were 26 deaths from cancer, 9 more than in the previous year. The following table shows the trend over the last 10 years.

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Deaths	14	17	23	16	17	24	13	16	17	26
Population	8,422	8,487	10,240	11,120	11,270	11,410	11,710	11,860	12,130	13,000
Rate per 1,000 of the pop.	1.66	2.00	2.24	1.43	1.50	2.10	1.11	1.33	1.40	2.00





## HOUSING ACTS 1936 & 1937

### UNFIT HOUSES

#### DEMOLISHED DURING YEAR

During the year the following nine houses were demolished in the district: -

18 Market Street  
20 " "  
22 " "  
1 Old Warehouses, Armitage Road,  
2 " " "  
3 " " "  
4 " " "  
5 " " "  
6 " " "

#### CLOSED DURING YEAR

During the year the following five houses were closed as a result of proceedings under the Housing Act : -

Mr. S. J. Bostock, Glovers Hill  
Miss A. Smith, Glovers Hill  
Mrs. M. L. Watson, Brereton Hall Cottage  
Mr. C. Merrick, Coalpit Lane  
10 Forge Road.

#### UNFIT HOUSES REPRESENTED DURING THE YEAR

The following 35 houses were represented to the Council during the year as being in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation:-

Belle View Cottage, Brereton, 19th April, 1961 Closing Order  
3 Redbrook Lane, Brereton, 28th May, 1961 Clearance Order  
5 " " " " " "  
7 " " " " " "  
9 " " " " " "  
2 Mill Lane, 15th February, 1961 Demolition Order  
3 " " " " " "  
10 Forge Road, " " " " "  
1 Old Warehouses, Armitage Road, 19th April, 1961 Demolition Order  
2 " " " " " "  
3 " " " " " "  
4 " " " " " "  
5 " " " " " "  
6 " " " " " "

House occupied by Mr. H. Brown, Coalpit Lane, 19th April, 1961  
Demolition Order

House adjoining house occupied by Mr. Brown, Coalpit Lane,  
19th April, 1961 Demolition Order

1 Foundry Cottage, The Levels, 21st June, 1961 Demolition Order

2 " " " " " "  
3 " " " " " "  
4 " " " " " "  
5 " " " " " "

33 Sheep Fair, 21st June, 1961 Demolition Order  
21 " " " " " "

Empty house, Fortescue Lane, House repaired.

1 Railway Cottages, Brereton, Owners submitted improvement scheme

2 " " " " " "  
3 " " " " " "  
4 " " " " " "  
5 " " " " " "  
6 " " " " " "



8 Armitage Road, 18th October, 1961 Demolition Order  
 10 " " " " " " "  
 12 " " " " " " "  
 14 Market Street, 20th December, 1961 Demolition Order  
 16 " " " " " " "

UNFIT HOUSES STILL IN OCCUPATION AT 31st DECEMBER, 1961.

The following 27 dwellings (in respect of which the Council have put on Demolition Orders or Closing Orders, or accepted Undertakings not to relet) are still in occupation -

Belle View Cottage, 19th April 1961 Closing Order  
 2 Mill Lane, 15 th February, 1961 Demolition Order  
 3 Mill Lane, 15th February, 1961 Demolition Order  
 House occupied by Mr. H. Brown, Coalpit Lane, 19th April 1961 Demolition Order  
 1 Foundry Cottages, The Levels, 21st June 1961 Demolition Order  
 2 " " " " " " "  
 3 " " " " " " "  
 4 " " " " " " "  
 5 " " " " " " "  
 21 Sheep Fair, 21st June 1961 Closing Order  
 8 Armitage Road, 18th October, 1961 Demolition Order  
 10 " " " " " " "  
 12 " " " " " " "  
 14 Market Street, 20th December, 1961  
 16 " " " " " " "  
 Threadgold, Love Lane, 22nd February, 1953 Undertaking  
 Lower Birches Farm House, 3rd April 1954 "  
 Molineux, Glovers Hill, 22nd November, 1955 "  
 38 Bow Street, 13th December, 1956 Closing Order  
 82 Queen Street, 20th November, 1957 Demolition Order  
 84 " " " " " " "  
 1 Green Lane, 1957, Purchases by Council.  
 12 Elmore Lane, 21st December, 1960 Demolition Order  
 3 Redbrook Lane, Brereton 28th May, 1961 Clearance Order  
 5 " " " " " " "  
 7 " " " " " " "  
 9 " " " " " " "

UNFIT HOUSES NOT OCCUPIED AT 31st DECEMBER, 1961.

The following 16 houses are not occupied for human habitation but are subject to Demolition Orders, Closing Orders or Undertakings not to relet:-

Late Whittaker, Love Lane, 27th October, 1952 Closing Order  
 9 Market Square, 18th April, 1956 Closing Order  
 11 Market Square, 21st November, 1956 Closing Order  
 Empty House, Bradburys Row, Brereton, 20th February, 1957 Demolition Order  
 Late Renshaw, " " " " " " "  
 Late Oldacre, " " " " " " "  
 6 Elmore Lane, 17th April, 1957 Closing Order  
 8 Elmore Lane, " " " " " "  
 74 Church Street, 1957~Purchased by Council  
 41 Elmore Lane, 19th November, 1958 Closing Order  
 2 Brewery Street, 18th November, 1959 Closing Order  
 Merrick, Coalpit Lane, 20th October, 1960 Closing Order  
 Bostock, Glovers Hill, 21st December, 1960 " "  
 Smith, " " " " " " "  
 Smith, " " " " " " "  
 Brereton Hall Cottage, 27th April, 1960 "  
 House adjoining Browns, Coalpit Lane, 19th April, 1961 Demolition Order





# ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

In 1961 the eighth full year in which the gauges were in operation the following results were obtained.

	Solid Deposit tons/sq.ml./mth.		Sulphur Dioxide mgm./100sq.cm/day		Rainfall	
	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961
January	9.97	9.24	0.77	0.89	5.00	2.48
February	6.07	8.47	0.88	0.37	2.05	1.97
March	7.07	10.30	0.98	0.88	1.73	1.02
April	4.70	11.00	0.61	0.98	1.30	2.80
May	9.91	9.51	0.55	0.69	1.77	0.83
June	12.18	14.31	0.39	0.33	1.46	0.95
July	8.30	19.65	0.20	0.50	3.15	2.40
August	4.49	7.07	0.23	0.30	2.21	2.40
September	8.91	9.35	0.42	0.58	4.29	2.13
October	8.47	7.64	0.55	0.87	4.37	2.17
November	13.37	11.95	0.66	0.79	4.06	2.01
December	6.30	4.97	0.86	2.13	1.97	1.34
Monthly Average	8.31	10.28			2.78	1.87
Dailey Average			0.59	0.77		
Average for previous 7 years.		9.02		1.11		

The site is at Trent View Close.



## REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my 31st Annual Report dealing with the work carried out in my department during 1961.

### DRAINAGE OF THE DISTRICT

Premises not within 100 feet of the sewer

There is no sewer available in Fortescue Lane (part), Wolseley Road (part), Etching Hill, and Slitting Mill, where the closet accommodation is as follows:-

#### HELINFORD ROAD.

5 premises

#### FORTESCUE LANE.

19 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.

7 premises with pail closets.

#### WOLSELEY ROAD AREA.

44 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.

58 premises to private sewage disposal installations.

#### ETCHING HILL AREA.

162 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.

12 premises with pail closets.

2 premises with privy middens.

#### SLITTING MILL AREA.

40 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.

25 premises with pail closets.

8 premises with privy middens.

### SWIMMING BATHS

There are no private swimming baths or pools in the area.

### PUBLIC CLEANSING

(a) DRY HOUSE REFUSE:- The whole of the refuse of the district is removed by the Council's workmen in two covered vehicles, once every week. The Council carry out Controlled Tipping at the tips.

(b) CONTENTS OF PAIL CLOSETS, CESSPOOLS, ETC.- This is conveyed from the premises in a new cesspool emptier which has been purchased. The pail closets are emptied once every week. Cesspools were emptied 132 times by the Council's workmen during the year.

### SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS AND NOTICES

Number of visits during the year, either in connection with Infectious Disease, or in course of investigating complaints, or in carrying out surveys amount to 2,400.



Number of STATUTORY NOTICES complied with: 61 as follows:-

#### FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1960

Regulation 32. Provision of fixtures in food premises . 1

#### PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

Section 259	Choked watercourse	..	..	..	1
Section 39.	Defective or insufficient drainage	..	..	..	13
Section 45.	Defective closet accommodation	..	..	..	13
Section 75.	Provision of new dustbins	..	..	..	8
Section 83.	Cleansing of premises	..	..	..	2
Section 89.	Sanitary conveniences at Inns	..	..	..	1
Section 93.	Houses made fit or repaired	..	..	..	20
Section 93.	Accumulation of manure	..	..	..	1
Section 93.	Animals causing nuisance	..	..	..	1

Number of INTIMATORY or VERBAL NOTICES complied with, 325 as follows:-

Food Hygiene Regulations, travelling shops	..	..	..	..	4
Dwelling houses made fit or repaired	..	..	..	..	77
Obstructed drains cleansed	..	..	..	..	25
Drains amended in construction	..	..	..	..	3
Water closet basins renewed	..	..	..	..	4
Water closet cisterns repaired or renewed	..	..	..	..	34
Dustbins provided	..	..	..	..	92
Animals improperly kept	..	..	..	..	6
Cesspools repaired	..	..	..	..	11
Burst water piping	..	..	..	..	21
Offensive accumulations	..	..	..	..	9
Dirty houses	..	..	..	..	26
Caravans causing nuisance	..	..	..	..	13

#### PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS WHICH CAN BE CONTROLLED BY BY-LAWS

#### OR REGULATIONS

There are no Common Lodging Houses in this District. There is a Tannery in the district. There are no underground sleeping places in the district. There are no By-Laws for:- Houses-let-in-Lodgings, tents, vans, sheds, etc., or Lodgings and accommodations for Hop-pickers. There are By-Laws for dealing with offensive trades. There is one offensive trade in the district,

#### SCHOOLS

In Rugeley Town and Brereton the sanitary conveniences are on the water carriage system. The Slitting Mill Schools have water closets draining to a cesspool. The water supply to all the schools is received from the Council's mains.

#### RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

There are no premises in the district which are controllable by The Council under the Act, viz., Registered Premises, where filling materials are used in the manufacture of bedding, toys, upholstery, etc., or Licensed Premises, where rag flock is (a) manufactured or (b) stored for distribution to Registered Premises.







## HOUSING

### 1. UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES

INSPECTION -- (1)		Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health Acts or Housing Acts .. .. .	410
		Number of Inspections made for that purpose .. .. .	440
(2)		Number of Houses inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 .. .. .	350
		Number of inspections made for that purpose .. .. .	370
(3)		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as being unfit for human habitation .. .. .	35
(4)		Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under previous sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation .. ..	296

### 2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES

Number of defected dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers  
136

### 3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS

#### HOUSES CLOSED OR DEMOLISHED

(a) - Proceedings under Housing Act, 1936.			
	(1)	Demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure (Sec.11) .. ..	9
	(2)	Closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by the owners under Sec.11 and still in force .. .. .	0
	(3)	Parts of buildings closed (Sec. 12)..	0
(b) - Proceedings under Housing Act, 1949, closed as a result of Closing Orders under Sec. 3. .. ..			0
(c) - Proceedings under Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953. Closed as a result of Closing Orders under Sec. 10 and 11 .. .. .			0
(d) - Proceedings under Housing Act 1957, closed as a result of Closing Orders under Sec. 16 .. ..			5

#### REPAIRS

(a) - Proceedings under Public Health Acts. Houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.			
	(1)	By owners .. .. .	56
	(2)	By local authority in default.. ..	0
(b) - Proceedings under Housing Act 1957, Houses made fit after service of formal notice			
	(1)	By owners .. .. .	104
	(2)	By local authority in default .. ..	0



## RODENT CONTROL

The work of dealing with infestations has been carried out throughout the year under my supervision.

During the year the part time Rodent Operative was on duty 480½ hours. Of this 128½ hours was spent on treating the Council's property such as sewage works, refuse tips, etc., 244 hours were spent at private houses, canal banks, hedge rows etc., and the remaining 108½ hours were spent on either rechargable work at business premises, or the general inspection of business premises.

## CARAVANS

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 SECTION 269

There are 15 caravans licensed under the above Act within the Urban District.

No nuisance has resulted from these caravans during the year. The names of those holding licenses and the site of each caravan are as follows:-

Mr. W. Nixon, "The Vine Inn", Sheep Fair.  
 Mr. F. M. Hill, "Sunnybank", Slitting Mill.  
 Mr. G. Emmerson, Slitting Mill.  
 Mr. A. Venables, 19 Sheep Fair.  
 Mr. S. Williams, Upper Birches Farm.  
 Mr. H. G. Evans, 16 Bryans Lane.  
 Mr. C. A. Pratt, Trent Farm, Rugeley.  
 Mrs. C. Garner, "The Hollies", Brereton.  
 Mrs. M. Walker, Fish Shop, Glovers Hill, Brereton.  
 Mr. R. Gater, "Overdale", Brereton Road.  
 Mrs. M.A. Upton, Heathfields Farm, Etching Hill.  
 Mrs. E. Preston, 70 Peakes Road, Etching Hill.  
 Messrs. Judkins & Jones, Market Street, Rugeley.  
 Mrs. B. Burton, 27 Lodge Road, Brereton.  
 Mr. W. H. Warren, Crabtree Farm, Rugeley.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### 1. FOOD PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT

Wet Fish shops .. .. .	1
Combined Fruit, vegetable and wet fish shops .. .. .	4
Butchers shops .. .. .	11
Cafes .. .. .	6
Bakehouses .. .. .	1
Fried Fish shops .. .. .	3
General shops for the sale of sweets, grocery, fruit and vegetables .. .. .	20
Sweet shops .. .. .	4
Cake shops .. .. .	5
Fruit and Vegetable shops .. .. .	4
School Canteens .. .. .	11
Public Houses .. .. .	30
Chemists .. .. .	3
Works Canteens .. .. .	4
Private Clubs, etc .. .. .	7
Drug Stores .. .. .	1





2. PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 14 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938, AND THE ICE CREAM REGULATIONS

(a)	For the preparation or manufacture of cooked meats, etc	12
(b)	For the manufacture of ice cream by hot mix .. ..	0
(c)	For the manufacture of ice cream by cold mix .. ..	0
(d)	For the sale and storage of ice cream only. Such ice cream being purchased from the leading manufacturers	46

3. METHODS OF DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOODS

(a) Meat. Unfit meat is disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Meat (Staining and Sterilization) Regulations, 1960.

(b) Other foods. Tins pierced, jars etc., broken. Contents of same and other foods buried at refuse tips.

4. It has not been found necessary to examine any special consignment or stock of food during the year. Mostly on request for examination by the provision merchants the following were found to be unfit for human consumption:-

97 tins of tomatoes, 45 tins of fruit, 96 tins of meat, 1 jar of marmalade, 1 tin of beans, 4 tins of fish, 6 tins of soup, 57 tins of peas, 3 tins of syrup, 6 tins of milk, 5 tins of cream, 9 tins of salmon, 4 tins of carrots, 2 tins of ovaltine, 1 tin of drinking chocolate, 1 packet of sago, 9 packets of raisins, 1 jar of pickles, 2 bottles of chutney, 4 packets of glacé cherries, 55lbs. of biscuits, 84lbs. of beef.

5. ICE CREAM (HOT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS, 1947-52

It will be seen that no ice cream is now manufactured in the district either by hot or cold mix.

6. FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955 AND FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960

During the year complaints were made to a Court of Summary Jurisdiction that two bakeries had committed offences under Section 2 of the Foods and Drugs Act, 1955. In the first case the complaint was a fly in a meat pie. The fine in this case was £5 and £5. 5. 0d. costs. In the second case the complaint was a midge in a loaf. The fine in this case was £5. and £6. 6. 0d. costs.

The number of food premises other than registered premises which were inspected during the year was 90.

All the occupiers of the food premises in the district and their employees have co-operated to ensure compliance with the above Act and Regulations. It has only been necessary to serve one statutory notice during the year and four intimatatory letters.

7. ADULTERATION, etc. This is not an authority for enforcing the Acts and Regulations referred to under this head.

8. CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOOD. The Staffordshire County Council has provided laboratories and carries out such work.





# MEAT INSPECTION

## CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known) ..	307	11	86	1,132	1,377	7
Number inspected	307	11	86	1,132	1,377	7
ALL DISEASES EX- CEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCOSIS						
Whole carcasses condemned ..	1	8	-	1	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	9	1	-	9	2	1
Percentage of the number ins- pected affected with disease other than tu- berculosis & cysticercosis	3.22	81.81	-	0.88	0.14	14.28
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY.						
Whole carcasses condemned ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	-	-	-	-	6	-
Percentage of the number ins- pected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.43	-
CYSTICERCOSIS						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases sub- mitted to treat- ment by regrid- eration ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condem- ned. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-

Most of the cows slaughtered were at Mr.A.Parker's Slaughterhouse. The condemned percentage figures are on the high side because this is a casualty station for the emergency slaughter of animals from the districts surrounding Rugeley. It is also used by the Ministry of Agriculture Inspectors for the slaughter of animals under the I.B. Order.



## SLAUGHTER HOUSES AND KNACKERS' YARDS

Food and Drugs Act, 1955 Section 62

There are two slaughter houses and one knacker's yard licensed under the above Act within the district. They are as follows:-

Slaughterhouse, Love Lane. Owner A. Parker & Sons Ltd.

Slaughterhouse, Horse Fair. Owner A. Astbury Ltd.

Knackers Yard, Leathermill Lane. Owner A. Parker & Sons Ltd.

## SLAUGHTER-MEN

Slaughter of Animals Acts, 1933 and 1951

The following is a list of persons licensed to slaughter or stun animals in slaughter-houses and knackers' yards.

Mr. A. Astbury, Holly Lodge, Sandy Lane, Rugeley.

Mr. E.E. Upton, Wolseley Road, Rugeley.

Mr. G. Parker, Bridge House, Love Lane, Rugeley.

Mr. P. Parker, Bridge House, Love Lane, Rugeley.

Mr. D. O. Sanders, Horse Fair, Rugeley.

Mr. A. E. Chinnoek, 35 Armitage Road, Rugeley.

Mr. R. W. Wallbank, 7 Mossley, Rugeley.

Mr. S. R. Sanders, 30b Horse Fair, Rugeley.

Mr. J. K. Rosser, 43 Springfield Avenue, Rugeley.

Mr. K.A. Hollins, 48 Queen Street, Rugeley.

Mr. F. Southwell, "Hillcrest", Hednesford Road, Rugeley.

Mr. F. B. Cowan, 41 Church Street, Rugeley.

## WATER SUPPLY

The Council obtain their water in bulk from the South Staffordshire Water Company. This supply has been satisfactory (a) in quality and (b) in quantity.

In addition to the samples we submit to the County Analyst and County Bacteriologist, the Water Works Company take frequent samples of the raw water for bacteriological and chemical examination (a) before treatment (b) after treatment, and (c) from taps in our district.

The supply is a constant one, and does not have a plumbo-solvent action. There was no action in respect of any form of contamination during the year.

All the dwelling houses etc., in the district are supplied from the public mains, and the supply in each case is directly over the sink.



The following are reports of samples of the Council's Public Water Supply:-

#### ANALYST'S REPORT-

pH Value	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7.4
								Parts per Million
Total solid matter dried at 212°F	..	..						340.0
Free and Saline Ammonia	..	..	..	..				Nil
Albuminoid	..	..	..	..	..	..		0.02
Nitric Nitrogen	..	..	..	..	..	..		6.0
Chlorine present as Chloride	..	..						30.0
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 80°F	..	..						0.13
Appearance - Clear and Colourless								
Metallic contamination	..	..	..	..				Nil
Total Hardness	..	..	..	..	..	..		15.4°
Permanent Hardness	..	..	..	..	..	..		6.1°
Temporary Hardness	..	..	..	..	..	..		9.3°

REMARKS:- This water is chemically of satisfactory quality.

#### BACTERIOLOGIST'S REPORT -

Probable number of coliform bacilli, MaConkey 2 days, 37°C:-

Nil per 100 ml.

#### PETROLEUM (Regulations) ACTS, 1928 & 1936

#### Petroleum (Mixtures) Order, 1929.

Licences were granted subject to the licensees complying with the Council's regulations and the Chief Fire Officer's recommendations,

The premises licensed within the Urban District are listed below:-

Palfreyman's Yard, Sheep Fair - Mr. . Manton	..	..	500	gallons
Garage, Brereton Road-Messrs. J. Edwards & Son	..	..	9000	gallons
Garage, Wolseley Road-Messrs. J.S. Pendlebury	..	..	2000	gallons
Garage, Anson Street-Fred Degg Ltd	..	..	1000	gallons
Garage, Bees Lane-Messrs. J. Edwards & Son	..	..	1300	gallons
Garage, Wolseley Road-Mr. S. Cubley	..	..	3000	gallons
Garage, Market Street-Rugeley Motors	..	..	9000	gallons
Garage, Armitage Road-Lea Hall Garage	..	..	6000	gallons
Garage, Elmore Lane-Messrs. M. & C.J. Whieldon	..	..	1000	gallons
Brereton Wharves Ltd., Wharf Road	..	..	500	gallons
Mr. A. Parker, Bridge House, Love Lane	..	..	500	gallons
Electronic Products, Ravenhill	..	..	500	gallons
Rugeley Industrial Co-Operative Society Ltd	..	..	750	gallons
Staffordshire Fire Brigade, Taylors Lane	..	..	40	gallons
Mr. J. Carney, Wolseley Road	..	..	500	gallons
Garage, Wolseley Road, Richardsons Transport	..	..	9000	gallons
Lea Hall Colliery	..	..	3000	gallons
Midway Service Station, Brereton	..	..	9000	gallons
United Constructions Ltd. Armitage Road	..	..	12000	gallons
Babcock & Wilcox, Rugeley Power Station	..	..	500	gallons
Pear Tree Garage, Hednesford Road	..	..	5000	gallons







# FACTORY ACT 1937

## 1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises  (1)	Number of			
	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occu- piers prose- cuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sec- tions 1,2,3,4,and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. .. .	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .. .. .	44	53	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (ex- cluding out-workers' pre- mises).. .. .	-	-	-	-
TOTAL .. .. .	44	53	-	-

## 2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars  (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (s.1) ..	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2) .. .. .	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient .. .. .	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	-	-	-	-	-
Total .. .. .	3	3	-	-	-

## 3. OUTWORKERS.- Nil.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,  
J.T.G. CRADDOCK.

Chief Public Health Inspector.





